



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 19

PRESIDENT TAFT addressing the closing banquet in Washington Saturday night of the American Society for judicial settlement of international disputes, deplored "the so-called war scare which has furnished pabulum for the newspapers during the last few days." He gave the jingo a deserved thrust when he said:

"The people of this country will never consent to the maintenance of a standing army which military experts will pronounce sufficiently large to cope in battle with the standing armies of the greater powers should they get by our navy, avoid our harbor defenses and descend upon our coast. We are at peace with all the nations of the world and are quite likely to remain so, as far as we can see into the future. Just a little more forethought, a little more attention to the matter on the part of Congress, and we shall have all of the army and all of the munitions and material of war that we ought to have in a republic, situated, as we are, 3,000 miles on the one hand and 5,000 on the other from the source of possible invasion."

It is pretty well known now that those who are busiest in talking "war" are those most interested in selling arms and munitions to the government—for a considerable consideration.

WILLIAM RAGG HOLT's "own story" of "Doing America in 38 hours," appeared today in the London Daily Mail, which sent him to the United States on the "Christmas trip" of the Mauretania. He seems to have been dazzled by scenes in New York. He says:

"The first view I got of New York after returning from my whirlwind rush to Washington was bewitching. The illumination of the skyscrapers makes a picture of dainty splendor which would be the despair of a pyrotechnic artist. I had always thought the illuminations on the Bosphorus on the occasion of the sultan's birthday the most wonderful fireworks in the world. Now I change my opinion."

Regarding the difficulty in crossing New York streets, Holt says: "I esteem myself a pastmaster in that art in London, but here I was like a child and had to be rescued from perils at almost every corner."

An increase of 15,621, or about 55 per cent in the net surplus of idle cars in this country and Canada for the two weeks ended December 7 is reported in the fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway Association, issued Saturday as of that date. The net surplus reported was 44,014 which compares with 28,393 two weeks ago. This state of affairs will be hard to explain by those who claim that the business of the country was never in better condition.

For drink and tobacco the people of the United States paid more money last year than ever before in the history of the country. The taxes handed over to the federal government amounted to \$308,000,000, in addition to the sum paid producers and the profits of vendors. This does not look like the prohibitionists were carrying on a very successful campaign.

Crew Safe. Boston, Dec. 19.—With the arrival of the tug Underwriter today and the landing of 12 men, rescued from the Erie barge Binghamton, tossing off Cape Cod, all thought drowned in last week's terrific gale were safely landed. The tug Margery lost the barge Binghamton and Scanton while the tug Cumberland lost the other. The other tugs, with the Underwriter, searched for the lost barges and found the Binghamton with all safe aboard.

## TO RECLAIM DISMAL SWAMP

Virginia is about to undertake the most extensive reclamation project of any state in the east. The great fertile area of the Dismal Swamp will first be opened to cultivation. A petition for the formation of drainage districts under the Leaser drainage law, passed at the last session of the legislature, is pending in the Circuit Court of Norfolk county. The Leaser law is designed after the North Carolina law, which has resulted in the reclamation of several thousand acres of swamp land, said to be more productive even than the irrigated lands of the west.

The new Virginia law provides a system for the organization of drainage districts by courts. There are elaborate provisions for surveys, for estimates of cost of the work for the proceedings, but final result is to have drainage commissioners appointed by the court who have right to make contracts for carrying on the work and assessing the land according to benefits each piece of land receives.

The cost of drainage improvement is charged up to the lands receiving the benefit and if the total cost is less than an average of 25 cents per acre it is paid in cash by the landowners, but if more than the minimum amount it is paid for by a drainage tax and bond issue.

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## FROM WASHINGTON

On Saturday the members of Alexandria county board of supervisors held a conference with Senators Martin and Swanson and Representative Carlin in reference to the improvement of the road in front of Arlington, and tomorrow Mr. Carlin and the two Virginia senators will meet members of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in reference to the harbor improvements of Alexandria.

The contract for building the battleship Texas was on Saturday evening awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company. The other ship to have been built in a government navy yard may also be built at the Virginia yard.

The traveling public will save more than \$1,500,000 annually as the result of an order issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission today reducing the charge for upper Pullman berths to 80 per cent of the charge made for lower berths. The commission also gave tentative approval to a new schedule of rates fixed by the Pullman Co. reducing the cost of lower berths to \$2 for a 12-hour ride. The new schedule, which is to be effective January 20, 1911, is based on the conclusions of the commission in what are known as the Lufkin cases, in which it was held that the rates for long distances on lower berths should be reduced and that all upper berth rates should be cut. The reduction will affect every line over which Pullman cars are operated in the United States except the New Haven, the Great Northern and the Milwaukee railroads.

Western lumbermen were hit hard by an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission today cancelling through freight rates on lumber shipment from points on the Tacoma Eastern R. R. in the state of Washington to all points reached by other railroads. A new schedule of charges will be fixed later.

All preparations were completed early today for the simple ceremony which makes Edward Douglass White chief justice of the United States. Though many persons look upon the accession of a chief justice as equally important to the nation as the inauguration of a president, the difference in the character of the two events could scarcely be more marked. There is no grand parade, no public announcement in advance, and in fact the small Supreme Court chamber will hold but a score of spectators. It really simply amounts to Justice White and Harlan exchanging seats, said an official of the court today. Justice Harlan, presiding justice, has occupied the chair in the center of the bench since the death of Chief Justice Fuller. White's seat has been next to Harlan. The new chief justice took the oath of his new office today shortly before noon in the robing-room of the Supreme Court. The oath was administered by Presiding Justice Harlan, who continued at the head of the tribunal until he had made his announcement for the last time in that capacity.

The wife of a U. S. Senator, Mr. Thomas G. Gore, appeared before the House committee on Indian affairs today as a witness in the hearing on the Gore bribery charges, made by her husband. Mrs. Gore appeared to deny the testimony of Jake Hammond, who Gore charged with offering him a bribe, that he had been receiving cordially as a guest at the Gore home after the alleged attempt at bribery. She admitted that Hammond had called at the Gore home while legislation allotting J. C. Powell certain Indian lands was pending in the Senate, in which Hammond was interested. She declared, however, that he had been received in anything but a cordial manner. The blind Senator from Oklahoma accompanied his wife to the committee room, and sat, interested and anxious, while she testified.

Prospects for the formation of a permanent tariff commission brightened today when Representatives Lenroot, Good and Longworth reported formally to the ways and means committee that they have agreed on a compromise tariff commission bill. Lenroot and Good both had bills before the committee and both appeared before the committee in favor of the compromise. There were various differences in the bills, which the committee thought could be reconciled and they asked the authors of the measures to confer with Mr. Longworth, representing the committee, and frame a measure to take the place of the bills now before the committee. "We had no difficulty in coming to an agreement," declared Mr. Lenroot today, "and I think that the completed bill, which we will present to the committee on ways and means after the holidays, will have a good chance of securing its approval. We have reconciled all the minor details in the various bills and taken into consideration the La Follette and Beveridge bills introduced in the Senate. We also considered the argument of various business organizations."

The senate committee on judiciary, at a meeting today, postponed until after the holidays consideration of a report made by a subcommittee in favor of the election of the United States senators by popular vote. Similar action was taken with regard to the nominations for Commerce Court offices.

The commission which is to adjust the boundary between Maryland and West Virginia under direction of the U. S. Supreme Court was given additional time in which to complete their report by the court today.

Further assertions of the friendliness of Japan toward the United States were given President Taft today by Consul Carl F. Deichman, American Consul at Nagasaki, Japan, who called to pay his respects.

Frederick W. Lehmann, of St. Louis, made his debut in Washington as solicitor general of the Department of Justice today. Lehmann, who was appointed to succeed the late Lloyd W. Bowers was at his desk before noon. Later in the morning Attorney General Wickersham escorted the new solicitor general to the Capitol where he presented him to the Supreme Court.

A report reached the police headquarters this morning that a couple of professional crooks succeeded in getting away with jewelry valued at \$1,500 from the Saks optical store, of 708 Seventh street northwest this morning. It is said that one of the men went to the store to pay \$10 on a ring and

while the proprietor was making change the other succeeded in getting away with the jewels.

Expenses of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation from Feb. 18 to June 30, amounted to \$13,840, according to the annual report of the secretary of the Senate issued today.

## SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE

The question of Vice-President Sherman counting a quorum on Saturday was brought up in the Senate today by Senator McCumber. He called attention to the vote on which 16 senators voted aye and 25 no, being but 41 and not constituting a quorum. The Vice-president announced the motion lost as 6 senators had stated their pairs, thus demonstrating the presence of a quorum. The matter came up on the approval of the journal.

Senator Culberson said it was a most important matter and demanded a quorum to consider it. Mr. McCumber said the ruling was not in accordance with the precedents of the Senate.

Mr. Culberson protested against the ruling of the chair as a violation of the rules and contrary to all precedent. He would vote against approving the journal.

Senator Hale did not regard the matter as disturbing because it had not affected the bill in any way. He agreed with Mr. Culberson that the intimation from the chair was wrong and he hoped he would carefully consider the question before attempting to enforce such a rule.

It was held by Senator Carter, that the ruling of the chair was in no sense equivalent to counting a quorum. He said that it did not violate any rule of the Senate.

"It was the statement of a deliberate ruling," said Mr. Culberson.

"The chair so intended it," repeated Mr. Sherman twice, with much emphasis.

"No rule of the body provides for pairs," said Senator Heyburn.

Mr. Gallinger thought it competent for the chair to do as was done Saturday.

Senator Shively said Mr. Culberson had properly protested against the intimation of an innovation in the Senate.

Vice President Sherman said that three of his predecessors had counted quorums. The journal was then approved without discussion.

The matter of an anti-union bill was brought up by Senator Beveridge. He gave notice that such an important piece of legislation shall not be permitted to slumber forever.

Objection by Mr. Langley, today postponed consideration of the wireless bill framed by the House committee on merchant marine last session. The measure seeks to force all ocean-going vessels to carry wireless. It will come up for consideration again later in the session.

In response to the loud howls for public buildings a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for estimates of appropriation for public buildings authorized by the public buildings bill of the last session of Congress.

Restoration of the army canteen is contemplated in a bill introduced by Mr. Barthold.

## Fire in a Power House.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 19.—The worst crash in the history of downtown commuting in New York followed an accident today that put the entire Hudson and Manhattan Railway system, operating the tunnel trains between Hoboken, Jersey City and Sixth avenue and Thirty-third street, Manhattan, out of business.

An accident was a fire in the Jersey City powerhouse of the company and the entire system was left without electric power for hours.

The Pennsylvania railroad has, as the result of the opening of its tunnel and new station, abolished the Twenty-third street ferry entirely and reduced the number of boats on the other two lines. The result was that the thousands of commuters on that road and on the Jersey trolleys were herded like cattle on the few boats running and it was necessary to call out police reserves to keep the crowds in check.

The fire started from some unknown cause in the power house of the Hudson and Manhattan Company in Jersey City shortly after 4 o'clock. It burned all of the woodwork, waste and inflammable materials on the main floor and put the small engine which furnishes the air to the boiler room and boilers out of commission. This caused the boiler room force to abandon the machinery and make for the street.

The fire was put out in a couple of hours, but the machinery was damaged so badly that several hours were needed to make repairs. Meanwhile the entire system was tied up.

## The Charlton Case.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 19.—Porter Charlton, who confessed to having murdered his wife in Italy last June, is here today in the custody of Sheriff Kelly and other Hudson county officials, who have come to fight in the United States court the purpose of the United States court to deliver him to Italy for trial. The case was to have been argued this morning but was delayed until afternoon to suit the convenience of Judges Rellstab and Cross. Counsel for Charlton will ask for a postponement to enable a further examination of records bearing on the case.

## Federal Troops Retreating.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 19.—Reports from the Chihuahua district of Mexico today declare that the federal troops have been in retreat following a second decisive victory of the revolutionists. Efforts to determine the loss on either side have failed to confirm a report that fully 200 federalists were slain.

## Shot Burglar.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 19.—After seriously shooting a burglar, Henry E. Smith, a merchant of Howells, N. Y., hit upon his team, placed the wounded man in it and drove five miles to Scarsdale Hospital in this city.

He was awakened about 2 o'clock this morning by a man walking in his room. He got his rifle and fired one shot, the bullet catching the man in the neck.

Georgetown Wheat Market. Georgetown, D. C., Dec. 19.—Wheat prices

## NINE KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Mysterious Explosion in Milk Depot and Carpenter's Shop of New York Central Depot.

New York, Dec. 19.—Nine persons are dead, eight missing and supposed to be dead and more than a score were injured as the result of a mysterious explosion which wrecked the milk depot and carpenter shop of the New York Central railway at 49th street and Lexington avenue today. So terrific was the force of the explosion that the big new power house of the New Haven Railroad, which is immediately behind the demolished structure, was almost completely destroyed, while all adjacent property was badly battered and windows in all buildings for a radius of a dozen blocks were blown out.

It was at first reported that the explosion was in the boiler house. Later this was proved a mistake and that the official of the railroad and the police heard that it was due either to the explosion of a quantity of acetylene gas or dynamite. One report was that switchmen running a car loaded with dynamite to be used for the excavation of the New York Central terminal into the depot lost control of it, and it smashed against a track bumper and exploded.

The disaster was not far greater is due to the fact that it took place at 8:15 in the morning. Three-quarters of an hour later there would have been many additional victims because of the fact that the concussion wrecked the big parochial school of St. Patrick's Cathedral at 51st street and Lexington avenue. This school has an attendance of more than 1,500 scholars and the largest class room in it was demolished. On account of the early hour, however, there were only half a dozen scholars in the building. They were not badly hurt. Two boys standing in front of the building, however, were knocked down and terribly cut by flying glass.

With the noise of the explosion came the crash of shattered glass, and this was quickly followed by the cries of the injured. Hurry calls for all of the available ambulances in Manhattan were sent out and two fire alarms called fire apparatus to the scene. As soon as the report of the explosion reached police headquarters, the entire police reserves of the city were hurried to the city. They had their work cut out for them, as a crowd of some twenty-five thousand people were soon surging to the spot. Police lines were hastily established and only those having business there were permitted within them.

As soon as order had been partially established it was possible to get a comprehensive line on the extent of the disaster.

The milk depot and carpenter shop was completely wrecked and nearly everybody in it had been killed. The big steel boiler shop was well nigh wrecked, as was all of the small railway buildings in the immediate vicinity.

A street car of the Lexington avenue line passing at the time was thrown clear from the tracks on its side, crashing into an automobile which was passing. Two persons in the street car and one in the auto were killed, while while a number of others were badly hurt.

The police think the explosion was caused by the ignition of a tank of acetylene gas which was in a car in the milk department. It was set off, they said, by the spark of the third rail. The explosion caused the blowing up of the car laden with dynamite.

## Rockefeller and Santa Claus.

New York, Dec. 19.—Whether John D. Rockefeller believes in Santa Claus will have to be found out through some other medium than the press.

When pressed for an answer to this question by a reporter today, the oil king replied:

"I have fully made up my mind never again to make a statement for publication in the press."

At first, Rockefeller appeared indignant at the "frank question," but he finally relaxed and let the reporter off with a "God bless you," and one of his most benignant smiles.

## Aldrich Not a Candidate.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 19.—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, it became known today, is unequivocally opposed to any attempt to rename him for the United States senatorship. He has declared positively that he could not consider any attempt to renominate him in case of a deadlock in the legislature.

When the question was put to him as to whether there was any foundation for the report that he would be asked to run again if the republicans should become deadlocked over the candidacy of Col. Henry F. Lippitt and Judge Le Baron B. Colt, the senator shook his head emphatically.

"No, no," said he. "I can't do that. You seem to lose sight of the fact that I am 69 years old."

## High School Destroyed by Fire.

Woodbury, N. J., Dec. 19.—The William Milligan high school, a four-story gray stone structure constructed a year ago and adjoining the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank and the court house on Broad street, was totally destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock this morning. The fire started by an explosion in the cellar due to some unknown cause.

The Camden and Gloucester fire departments were called upon to aid the local firemen and that the adjoining building were not destroyed is due to the fact that there was little wind. Loss \$100,000, insurance \$60,000.

## The Earthquake at Salvador.

West Colon, Dec. 19.—Dispatches from La Libertad, Salvador, received here today, declare that earthquake shocks throughout Salvador have subsided after causing at least 500 deaths on Islands off the Pacific coast. The sinking of a large island in the Illequango Lagoon, off Salvador, drowned 200 persons, many of these having fled from smaller islands.

Scores of small islands slid into the sea when the earth tremors began last Tuesday.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia.

Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

A conduit for all wires and a pneumatic tube for packages is planned to extend from New York to Chicago.

Postmaster General Hitchcock states that everything will be in readiness for the postal savings banks to receive deposits on January 8.

Considering their seeming ubiquity, it is perhaps somewhat surprising to find the total number of Jews in the world does not exceed 11,817,783.

The Swedish steamer Cedric has been wrecked near Gelle, a seaport of Sweden. Twelve persons were drowned, including all the officers with the exception of the captain.

A national conference in New York on Saturday decided against the proposition to change the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Winnipeg has just taken from Minneapolis its long-held position as the largest receiving point of wheat in America.

Plans have been made public for a combination of Latin-American governments to prevent revolutions by international co-operation.

It is announced in London that negotiations have been completed for the amalgamation of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Anglo-American Cable Company.

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The year 1910 is expected by the bureau of statistics to show up as the banner year for the world's international trade. The use of oil as fuel on battleships and railroads increased during the year.

In the new British House of Commons the standing of the parties will be the same as in the old, and the liberals' policy will be for self-government for Ireland, subject to the control of parliament.

Stockdale Snyder, aged 82, of Wilson Station, near Pittsburg, Pa., was using a comb made of inflammable material while sitting near a gas grate Saturday night, when it caught fire and communicated the flames to his hair and clothing, burning him so severely that he died a few hours later.

A dispatch from Port Limon, Costa Rica, says last seventy families, variously estimated at from 160 to 170 men, women, and children, were drowned following the sinking of the Lloa pango Lagoon, off Salvador, Saturday. The island slid into the depths of the lagoon, carrying with it nearly all of the inhabitants.

Three former Episcopal clergymen were ordained in the Cathedral in Philadelphia on Saturday to the Roman Catholic priesthood. They are the Rev. Wm. I. McGarvey, formerly rector of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia; Rev. Maurice Cowd, the former's assistant, and William Henkel, formerly connected with an Episcopal church at Reading, Pa.

In the Senate on Saturday the urgent deficiency appropriation bill was passed within eight minutes after reaching the Senate, without being referred to a committee. The omnibus claims bill was under discussion all day without a conclusion being reached.

In the House the urgent deficiency bill, carrying a total of \$995,672, was passed. The remainder of the session was devoted to the consideration of the legislative, executive, and judicial bill. It was before the House at the time of adjournment.

A fishing cutter has found in the North Sea the body of Lieutenant Lange, pilot of the balloon Saar. The Saar and eight other balloons started in a race from Essen-on-the-Ruhr, Rhineland, Prussia, November 13. Seven of the balloons made safe landings the following day and later the Hessen descended in north Germany. The Saar was never heard from again, although twenty-two German torpedo boats and other war craft searched the North Sea for several days. Lieutenant Lange, Lieutenant Rommeler and a civilian—Herr Zimmermann—were on board the Saar.

Senator Donal Anibal Cruz, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Chile to the United States, was stricken with heart disease at 3:45 o'clock yesterday morning and died 10 minutes later. He had attended the banquet of the American society for judicial settlement of international disputes Saturday night and retired apparently in good health. When he was stricken physicians were hastily summoned, but the end came before they arrived.

Rev. D. J. Miller, pastor of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, of Asheville, N. C., has been missing from his home since last Friday, and despite diligent search made by his family and friends he has so far kept his whereabouts a secret. He was last seen at the Baltimore railway station Friday evening, and presumably took an east-bound train. It is stated by friends of the missing clergyman that he has been in ill health for sometime, and despondency resulting therefrom, coupled with financial worries in connection with the building of an addition to his church, it is believed, may have caused a temporary aberration of the mind. He has a wife, but no children.

## BEAT MONTE CARLO.

Mr. W. Darnbrough is one of the luckiest men who have played at Monte Carlo for some time. He has left for London with \$24,000 which he has won during a month's stay. The first day he played he risked \$1,200 and won heavily. He continued, and at one time had a credit balance of \$29,000. From that moment his luck turned, and he won and lost from \$12,000 to \$16,000 a day.

He finally decided that he had passed the maximum of good luck and so left well alone.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run until it becomes troublesome. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

While trying to jump a southbound freight train on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad yesterday afternoon, near Kendall Grove, about nine miles from Cape Charles, George William Sinkins, fifteen years old, had both legs cut off just below the knee.

While sitting in his big cozy armchair, warming by the fire, Joseph Gordon, near Strasburg, swallowed his false teeth a night or two ago and narrowly escaped strangling to death. A physician was summoned, but the teeth "came back," and the owner's equilibrium was restored before the doctor arrived.

Colonel Philip F. Harvey, U. S. A., retired, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Mrs. Arnold, widow of Captain Conway H. Arnold, jr., U. S. A., to Richard Bland Lee, jr., of Virginia and New York. The wedding will take place on the afternoon of January 3, in the residence of Colonel Harvey, in Washington, in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

News has been received of the death in Berlin, Germany, on November 20, of Col. Thomas Benton Roy, 72 years old, a native of Bentonville, Warren county, Va. He entered the civil war as a member of the Warren Rifles, Company B, Seventeenth Regiment. Later he was adjutant-general to General Beauregard. Afterward he assisted in the organization of the Army of the Tennessee and became adjutant-general to Gen. W. J. Hardee, after the war marrying his daughter, Miss Sallie Hardee, in Salem, Ala., where he died the Messenger. Later he took up law, and as junior partner of the firm of Brooks, Harlan & Co., he was declared by the late Senator Morgan to be the brightest lawyer in Alabama. He, with his wife, went to Germany to educate their adopted daughter, and never returned to this country.

Contest of the recent local option election in Lynchburg when the city voted wet by 85 majority, was filed on Saturday. The petition alleges that two precincts which gave a wet majority aggregating 84 should be thrown out, because federal officials were judges there, and that 393 persons were illegally registered because they did not make written application for registration, and it calls in question all registrations there since 1904. It also claims that 111 persons voted in precincts in which they did not reside. The petition will not be heard before the February term of the Corporation Court. This means, even if the petition is denied, that the saloons cannot reopen before March at the earliest.

The cornerstone of Richmond's million-dollar postoffice and Federal court building was laid on Saturday with Masonic ceremonies. An address was made by former Gov. A. J. Montague, who was introduced by former Postmaster Royal E. Cabell, who is now Federal commissioner of internal revenue. Meridian Lodge, of Richmond, was in charge, and the cornerstone was laid by Dr. William P. Mathews, master of the lodge, assisted by Meridian Lodge officers, J. Henry Miller, of Baltimore, the general contractor for the building, is a prominent Mason. He was host at a banquet to about 200 of the leading men of the city after the cornerstone laying.

## KAISER ARGUES OVER CHRIST.

An example of the kaiser's logic in religious matters is published by the Journal, a paper of Bavaria. It relates a conversation about the divinity of Christ between William and a certain professor. The latter, according to the professor, tried to persuade him that Christ was not God. The kaiser asked the professor if he ever said to his students, "I am the vine and you are the tendrils." The answer was: "No." "Do you believe," continued the kaiser, "that any professor before you ever said such a thing?"

"No," said the professor.

"Or ever will say it?" went on the kaiser.

"Certainly not," replied the professor.

"Good, then," the kaiser declared. "Since no teacher can or will so speak as Christ spoke, I believe that Christ was not only a man, but the true God."

The paper adds that the conversation lasted for upward of an hour. The quotation referred to by the kaiser was written by him textually in a Bible which he presented recently to the garrison church at Strasburg. The passage ends: "Whoever remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, inasmuch as without me ye can do nothing."

In the Authorized version the text reads: "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing."—[John xv. 5.]

## TO INVESTIGATE EXPRESS COMPANIES.

A conclusion practically has been reached by the Interstate Commerce Commission to make its inquiry into the operations of express companies thorough and exhaustive. Several months ago an order was issued by the commission directing that an investigation should be made into the operations of express companies. The inquiry has been in progress ever since. Now it is proposed by the commission to extend that inquiry so as to include not only the rates and methods of the companies, but also their financial operations, with particular reference to their banking business. No order yet has been made by the commission broadening the scope of the original inquiry, but it is probable that such an order will be issued in a few days.

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